



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Department of Health (State Board of)
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	12 VAC 5-590
Regulation title	Waterworks Regulations
Action title	Amend the Waterworks Regulations to adopt the federal Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) Short-Term Revisions
Final agency action date	July 9, 2010
Document preparation date	August 5, 2010

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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

These amendments to the Waterworks Regulations will help protect consumers from exposure to lead and copper in drinking water.

These revisions will enhance LCR monitoring, treatment, consumer awareness, and lead service line replacement. Additionally, the revisions will improve compliance with the public education requirements of the LCR and ensure drinking water consumers receive meaningful, timely, and useful information to help them limit their exposure to lead in drinking water.

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

On July 9, 2010, the State Health Commissioner, vested with the authority of the State Board of Health pursuant to Section 32.1-20 of the *Code of Virginia*, adopted final amendments to the *Waterworks Regulations* 12 VAC 5-590-10, -50, -370, -375, -385, -405, -410, -420, -530, -545, and -550.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

The provision of safe drinking water to the home will increase economic self-sufficiency by making this resource readily available and will decrease the number of illnesses that lead to lost productivity and personal income.